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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

Colorado City Scoping Meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings), Historic and Cultural Sites, Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Project Purpose and Need, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Other, Proximity to Residences

OTHER: ecological impacts, long-term/perpetual impacts

Property Uses:

Residential, Other

OTHER: wildlife rehabilitation

Comment:

- I-265-001** As property owners in Hatchet Ranch Phases 1 and 2 we are very concerned about the proposed transmission corridor that parallels the existing 115kV transmission line (e.g. along Pine Bluff Drive East). We bought our property with full knowledge of the existing lines and these impose restrictions and encumbrances we are prepared to deal with. The proposed additional power lines would make our property virtually unusable. The terrain limits available build sites and suitable locations for stables and outbuildings for which we bought the property. The proposed transmission lines would virtually consume the most desirable sites and further, inflict an unbearable and unacceptable set of impacts:
- I-265-002** 1. Complete destruction of property value making the property unsellable
- I-265-003** 2. Visual blight of the transmission lines
- I-265-004** 3. Negative impact on the quality of life of the residents
- I-265-005** 4. Permanent damage to the environment and the effects on the property. These transmission lines will have a permanent and perpetual effect on this and future generations.
- I-265-006** 5. The known and publicly admitted (by Tri-State and San Isabel) additive effect of installing the proposed transmission lines in parallel with the existing 115kV lines. Those additive effects include line noise, electro-magnetic interference, negative health impacts of high-voltage electrical transmission on humans and other mammals in proximity
- The alternative proposed corridor along the existing Santa Fe railroad tracks is a much less impacting solution. That area is already permanently affected by the railroad, is not usable for any purpose other than the railroad and would not affect property owners, wildlife, or the environment nearly as harshly as would the proposed corridor that parallels the 115kV line.

We, as property owners and concerned citizens stand in firm opposition to the proposed corridor through Hatchet Ranch that parallels the existing 115kV transmission line.

I-265-001: Land Use (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to land use from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-265-002: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-265-003: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

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I-265-004: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

<http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=760671f559&view=pt&search=inbox&msg...> 9/22/2009

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I-265-005: Cumulative Impacts (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment card has been received and your comment noted. Potential cumulative impacts and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-265-006: Route Refinement > Calumet-Comanche (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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